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Title: Situation arsing due to closure of vaccine manufacturing units in the Country.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the licence of three important vaccine manufacturing units of our country has not been renewed. One such unit was set up 100 years back; another unit was set up 80 years back; and the third one was set up 60 years back. These vaccine manufacturing units are at Chennai, Kannur and Mumbai.

Sir, they have been asked not to supply vaccines to the hospitals. The immunization programme also will suffer greatly because of not renewing the licence of these three premier vaccine manufacturing units. They are all under the Public Sector Undertakings. Sir, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is promoting the private sector because certain new vaccine manufacturing units have come up under private sector. They are selling vaccine at a much higher price. The poor people are suffering because of the closing down of the Government's own vaccine manufacturing units. The Director of the Central Drug Controller has issued an Order for closing down of these three vaccine manufacturing units. Sir, I demand that the Order that has been issued by the then Director of the Central Drug Controller should be withdrawn forthwith, the licences of these three units should be renewed, and they should be asked to supply the vaccines for the immunization programme. Sir, these units should not be closed down in the interests of the poor people of this country. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: This is time for Special Mentions by those hon. Members who gave their notices. We have decided that up to five matters would be allowed. Today, we have a very important discussion, which is to start immediately, and I seek your kind cooperation.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Sir, I demand an assurance from the Government. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: It cannot be done now. Shri Acharia, you are here for 30 years and you know that.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: Sir, we demand an assurance from the Government ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Nobody will answer without my permission. I do not accept.

Now, Shri Girdhari Lal Bhargava.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (PURI): Sir, I want to associate with him. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Time for association is over.

Only Shri Girdhari Lal Bhargava's observation will go on record.

*(Interruptions) â€¦**